Excise duty exemption of paper

1048. SHRI INDER KUMAR GUJRAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred question No. 908 given in the Rajya Sabha on 13th December, 1994 and state the decision, if any, Government have taken on the representation received from the Federation of Indian Publishers requesting for full exemption from excise duties on paper used by the publishers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): Government has sirce reduced the customs duty on paper and paperboard from 65 per cent to 40 per cent *ad valorem* with effect from 16-3-95. Further, paper containing mechanical wood pulp amounting to not less than 50 per cent. of the fibre content intended for use in the printing of taxtbooks or other books of general interest, is already exempt from excise duty.

Per capita income and expenditure

1049. SHRI JOYANTA ROY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the per capita income and expenditure is legs than the national average in any State;

(b) if so, the steps being taken to reduce it: and

(c) the per capita income and expenditure of the States during the last five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASEKHARA MURTHY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The State Governments implement a number of programmes as part of their State Plans which have bearing on increasing the investment and State Domestic Product and per capita income. The Central Government is also providing assistance for the implementation of plans as per formula which provides for higher weightage in respect of populous States having low per capita income compared to the national average.

(c) State Governments prepare the estimates of Net State Domestic Product (State Income) but not the State domestic expenditude. The enclosed Statement indicates per capita Net State Domestic Product of the States during the last five years 1989-90 to 1993-94.

Statement

Per Capita net state domestic product at current prices

(Figures in Rupees as on 8-30-95)

State/UT	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92	1992-93 (P)	1993-94) (Q)
1	2	3	4	5	6
Andhra Pradesh	4054	4728	5556	5767	6489
Arunachal Pradesh	4467	5479	6524	7389	8172
Assam	3589	4014	4594	5056	—
Bihar	2301	2633	2799	3280	—
Goa	7505	8797	10693	11294	11658

1	2	3	4	5	6
Gujarat	5176	5687	6306	7586	—
Haryana	6233	7503	8740	9171	10359
Himachal Pradesh	4375	4790	5355	—	—
Jammu & Kashmir	3636	3872	4051	4212	—
Karnataka	4124	4608	5833	6443	7029
Kerala	3718	4200	5140	5713	6009
Madhya Pradesh	3311	4058	4377	4733	5185
Maharashtata	6353	7315	8083	9628	10984
Manipur	3674	3893	4180	—	—
Meghalaya	3863	4530	4907	5769	5926
Mizoram	4135	4474	5941	—	—
Nagaland	4333	5007	5870	—	—
Orissa	2965	3077	3816	3963	
Punjab	7674	8392	9983	11106	12319
Rajasthan	3141	4113	4402	5035	5009
Sikkim	4686	5063	5416	—	—
Tamil Nadu	4370	5047	5817	6205	—
Tripura	3190	3365	3674	—	—
Uttar Pradesh	3038	3516	4001	4280	—
West Bengal	4138	4753	5284	5901	—
Andaman & Nicobar	5280	5876	6145	6751	—
Delhi	9311	10177	11650	—	—
Pondicherry	7092	7746	8513	9314	—
All India PCNNP(a)	4347	4983	5596	6234	6929
All India PCNDP(b)	4416	5073	5714	6369	7062

Q : Quick Estimates,, P : Provisional.

— Not made available by the concerned Governments.

(a) : Per capita Net National Product (PCNNP) at factor cost.

(b) : Per capita Net Domestic Product (PCNDP) at factor cost.

Note : Owing to differences in source material used the figures for different States/Union Territories (UTs) are not strictly comparable. The UTs of Chandigarh, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Daman & Diu and Lakshadweep do not prepare these estimates.

Source : Directorates of Economics and Statistics of respective State Governments and Central Statistical Organisation for (a) and (b).